



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/743,563
Confirmation No. : 5056
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Examiner : Zinna Northington Davis
Group Art Unit : 1625
Applicants : Charrier et al.
For : CASPASE INHIBITORS AND USES THEREOF

August 1, 2006
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the June 1, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified application. The time for reply is up to and including August 1, 2006. Applicants have submitted concurrently a Request for Continued Examination for the above-identified application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This Request is submitted prior to the payment of the issue fee, abandonment of the application, and filing of a Notice of Appeal. Additionally, the last Office Action in the above-identified application was a Final Action. Accordingly, this request for Continued Examination is timely.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this reply.

Remarks begin at page 18 of this reply.